

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 6-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10. (New) An actuation system for a lock mechanism comprising:

- an ID device including identifying data;

- a mechanical key;

- an ID storage mechanism, other than the ID device, for maintaining stored identifying data;

- a communication system for transferring the identifying data of the ID device to the coincidence determination mechanism;

- a coincidence determination mechanism for ascertaining whether or not the identifying data of the ID device and the stored identifying data in the ID storage mechanism are equivalent to each other;

- a switch comprising at least an enabled switch state and a disabled switch state;

- an operation enabling mechanism for changing a state of the switch between the enabled switch state and the disabled switch state;

- an operation mode selection mechanism able to select one of at least three operation modes; the three operation modes comprising:

- a first operation mode wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the enabled switch state and the switch is operated through the insertion of the key without the presence of the ID device;

- a second operation mode wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the enabled switch state after the coincidence determination mechanism indicates the equivalence of the identifying data of the present ID device and the

stored identifying data in the ID storage mechanism, wherein the switch can be actuated with and without the insertion of the mechanical key;

a third operation mode wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the enabled switch state after the coincidence determination mechanism indicates the equivalence of the identifying data of the ID device and the stored identifying data in the ID storage mechanism; a third mode time period is determined;

wherein during the third mode time period, the mechanical key inserted into the switch without the presence of the ID device present is sufficient to operate the switch; and

wherein after the third mode time period, the operation enabling mechanism sets the disabled switch state.

Claim 11. (New) The actuation system for the lock mechanism of Claim 10, further comprising:

a fourth operation mode wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the enabled switch state after the mechanical key is inserted into the switch, the ID device is present, and the coincidence determination mechanism indicates equivalency between the identifying data of the ID device and the stored identifying data in the ID storage mechanism, and

wherein the mechanical key is inserted in the switch and the ID device is present in order to operate the switch

Claim 12. (New) The actuation system for the lock mechanism of Claim 11 further comprising:

a master ID device including master ID data;

wherein the ID storage mechanism further includes stored master ID data;

wherein the communication system transfers the master ID data from the master ID device to the coincidence determination mechanism;

wherein the selection of one of the first operation mode, the second operation mode, the third operation mode, and the fourth operation mode of the

lock device occurs after the coincident determination mechanism indicates that the master ID data is equivalent to the stored master ID data, and the switch is set to an operation mode selection position.

Claim 13. (New) A lock mechanism comprising:

- two or more ID devices including identifying data;
- a mechanical key;
- an ID storage mechanism, other than the ID device, for maintaining stored identifying data;
- a communication system for transferring the identifying data of the ID device to the coincidence determination mechanism;
- a coincidence determination mechanism for ascertaining whether or not the identifying data of the ID device and the stored identifying data in the ID storage mechanism are equivalent to each other;
- a switch comprising at least an enabled switch state and a disabled switch state;
- an operation enabling mechanism for changing a state of the switch between the enabled switch state and the disabled switch state;
- wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the switch to the enabled switch state after the coincidence determination mechanism indicates the equivalence of two or more sets of identifying data of corresponding ID devices to two or more sets of stored identifying data in the ID storage mechanism, and the mechanical key is inserted in the switch.

Claim 14. (New) An actuation system for a lock mechanism comprising:

- an ID device including identifying data;
- a mechanical key;
- an ID storage mechanism, other than the ID device, for maintaining at least one stored predetermined conditions;
- a communication system for transferring the identifying data of the ID device to the coincidence determination mechanism;

a coincidence determination mechanism for ascertaining whether or not the identifying data of the ID device satisfies the stored predetermined condition required for access;

a switch comprising at least an enabled switch state and a disabled switch state;

an operation enabling mechanism for changing a state of the switch between the enabled switch state and the disabled switch state;

an operation mode selection mechanism able to select one of at least three operation modes; the three operation modes comprising:

a first operation mode wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the enabled switch state and the switch is operated through the insertion of the key without the presence of the ID device;

a second operation mode wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the enabled switch state after the coincidence determination mechanism indicates that the identifying data of the present ID device satisfies the stored predetermined condition, wherein the switch can be actuated with and without the insertion of the mechanical key;

a third operation mode wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the enabled switch state after the coincidence determination mechanism indicates that the identifying data of the ID device satisfies the stored predetermined condition; a third mode time period is determined;

wherein during the third mode time period, the mechanical key inserted into the switch without the presence of the ID device present is sufficient to operate the switch; and

wherein after the third mode time period, the operation enabling mechanism sets the disabled switch state.

Claim 15. (New) The actuation system for the lock mechanism of Claim 14, further comprising:

a fourth operation mode wherein the operation enabling mechanism sets the enabled switch state after the mechanical key is inserted into the switch, the

ID device is present, and the coincidence determination mechanism indicates that the identifying data of the ID device and satisfies the stored predetermined conditions, and

wherein the mechanical key is inserted in the switch and the ID device is present in order to operate the switch

Claim 16. (New) The actuation system for the lock mechanism of Claim 15 further comprising:

a master ID device including master ID data;

wherein the ID storage mechanism further includes stored master ID data;

wherein the communication system transfers the master ID data from the master ID device to the coincidence determination mechanism;

wherein the selection of one of the first operation mode, the second operation mode, the third operation mode, and the fourth operation mode of the lock device occurs after the coincident determination mechanism indicates that the master ID data is equivalent to the stored master ID data, and the switch is set to an operation mode selection position.

Claim 17. (New) The actuation system for the lock mechanism of claim 16 wherein the identifying data of the ID device includes the age of a user and the stored predetermined condition is at least equal to a predetermined age.

Claim 18. (New) The actuation system for the lock mechanism of claim 16 wherein the identifying data of the ID device includes the gender of a user and the stored predetermined condition is equal to a predetermined gender.

Claim 19. (New) The actuation system for the lock mechanism of claim 16 further including an ID storage mechanism,

wherein the identifying data of the ID device includes;

a unique identifier, and

a descriptive variable associated with a user,

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wherein the coincidence determination mechanism indicates if the unique identifier of the ID device is equivalent to a stored unique identifier stored in the ID storage mechanism, and if the descriptive variable satisfies the predetermined condition.